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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-178-001]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 7, 1998.

Take notice that on April 2, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to be effective May 1, 1998.

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 9A

ANR states that this filing is made to correct an inadvertent error in a tariff sheet previously submitted on March 31, 1998, in Docket No. RP98-178-000.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

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[Docket No. OA97-698-000]

Baltimore Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Filing

April 7, 1998.

Take notice that Baltimore Gas & Electric Company tendered for filing on July 14, 1998, its open access transmission tariff in compliance with Order No. 888 in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 17, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project 11591-000, AK]

City of Wrangell, Alaska; Notice of City of Wrangell, Alaska's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

April 7, 1998.

The preliminary permit holder, City of Wrangell, Alaska (City), has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Sunrise Lake Water and Hydroelectric Project, No. 11591

(Sunrise Lake Project).¹ The City has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case. The City has also submitted a communication protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on the City's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.² Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedure being requested here combines the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed by the applicant. The alternative procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Sunrise Lake Project Schedule

On January 20, 1998, the City distributed an Initial Consultation Package for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. The City scheduled a consultation meeting for all interested parties on February 17, 1998, to present their proposal for the project and solicit study requests from participants. Notice announcing the meeting was published locally, as required by Commission regulations.

Public scoping meetings are planned for late May 1998. The City is requesting that all parties to the proceeding provide written requests for study by April 18, 1998. Studies would be

¹ The 2.5-megawatt project would be located on Woronkofski Island, 4 miles southwest of Wrangell, Alaska, within the boundaries of the Tongass National Forest.

² 81 FERC ¶61,103 (1997).